

CLAIMS

- 1 1. An add-filter device comprising:
2 a plurality of ring resonators that are arranged to receive an optical signal of a
3 specific wavelength; and
4 at least one Mach-Zehnder Interferometer (MZI) structure that is embedded in
5 said plurality of ring resonators, said at least one MZI structure and ring resonators
6 providing modulation and filtering so that said optical signal can be added to a bus line
7 without affecting the channels contained in said bus line.
- 1 2. The add-filter device of claim 1, wherein said ring resonators comprise heater
2 elements.
- 1 3. The add-filter device of claim 1, wherein said at least one MZI structure comprises
2 heater elements.
- 1 4. The add-filter device of claim 1, wherein said at least one MZI structure comprises
2 unequal arm lengths.
- 1 5. The add-filter device of claim 1 further comprising a drop port.
- 1 6. The add-filter device of claim 1 further comprising a throughput port.
- 1 7. The add-filter device of claim 1, wherein said at least one MZI structure comprises
2 more than one MIZ structure having different materials.
- 1 8. The add-filter device of claim 1, wherein said at least one MZI structure comprises
2 more than one MIZ structure having different dimensions.

1 9. The add-filter device of claim 1, wherein said at least one MZI structure is be
2 controlled via the electro-optic effect.

1 10. A method of performing add-filtering and modulation operations on an optical signal
2 in a single device, comprising:

3 providing a plurality of ring resonators that are arranged to receive an optical
4 signal of a specific wavelength to be added onto a bus line that includes a plurality of
5 signals at different wavelength; and

6 providing at least one Mach-Zehnder Interferometer (MZI) structure that is
7 embedded in said plurality of ring resonators, said at least one MZI structure and ring
8 resonators providing modulation and filtering so that said optical signal can be added to
9 the bus line without affecting the channels contained in said bus line.

1 11. The method of claim 10, wherein said ring resonators comprise heater elements.

1 12. The method of claim 10, wherein said at least one MZI structure comprises heater
2 elements.

1 13. The method of claim 10, wherein said at least one MZI structure comprises unequal
2 arm lengths.

1 14. The method of claim 10 further comprising a drop port.

1 15. The method of claim 10 further comprising a throughput port.

1 16. The method of claim 10, wherein said at least one MZI structure comprises more
2 than one MIZ structure having different materials.

1 17. The method of claim 10, wherein said at least one MZI structure comprises more
2 than one MIZ structure having different dimensions.

1 18. The method of claim 10, wherein said at least one MZI structure is controlled via the
2 electro-optic effect.

1 19. A system for performing add-filtering and modulation comprising:
2 a plurality of ring resonators that are arranged to receive an optical signal of a
3 specific wavelength to be added onto a bus line that is arranged to receive a plurality of
4 signals at different wavelengths; and
5 at least one Mach-Zehnder Interferometer (MZI) structure that is embedded in
6 said plurality of ring resonators, said at least one MZI structure and ring resonators
7 providing modulation and filtering so that said optical signal can be added to said bus line
8 without affecting the channels contained in said bus line.

1 20. The system of claim 19, wherein said ring resonators comprise heater elements.

1 21. The system of claim 19, wherein said at least one MZI structure comprises heater
2 elements.

1 22. The system of claim 19, wherein said at least one MZI structure comprises unequal
2 arm lengths.

1 23. The system of claim 19 further comprising a drop port.

1 24. The system of claim 19 further comprising a throughput port.

1 25. The system of claim 19, wherein said at least one MZI structure comprises more than
2 one MIZ structure having different materials.

1 26. The system of claim 19, wherein said at least one MZI structure comprises more than
2 one MIZ structure having different dimensions.

1 27. The system of claim 19, wherein said at least one MZI structure is controlled via the
2 electro-optic effect.